



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 17, 2025
5th Week of Easter

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

PRELUDE

"Low in the Grave He Lay"

Robert Lowry

arr. Mark Hayes

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that
restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O
Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new
life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross
barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and
give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen
One.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"
(Sing Twice)

Brian Doerksen
©1998 Vineyard Songs CCLI #2430948

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

1. One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rick

READING

Acts 11:1-18

L: A reading from Acts 11

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Rick

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Day of Resurrection"

vs 1, 3 & 4

ELW #361

John of Damascus

tr. John Mason Neale M: German melody

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1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

4. All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!

Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

MAASAI CREED

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humans and wanted humans to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the Bible, that God would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good this promise by sending the son, Jesus Christ, a human in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in Jesus confess their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

The Maasai Creed composed in 1960 by the Maasai people—an indigenous African tribe of semi-nomads located primarily in Kenya and northern Tanzania of East Africa — in collaboration with Roman Catholic missionaries from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. The creed seeks to confess the promise at the core of the Christian faith within the daily life of Maasai culture.

[Edited with inclusive language for Trinity Lutheran Church, 2025.]

PRAYERS

HOLDEN LITANY & PRAYERS

Congregation will hum while the prayer petitions are sung [A], and sing the response [B].
The final petition will be sung together [C].

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two main sections, A and B, separated by a double bar line. Section A is marked with a box containing the letter 'A' and the instruction 'Repeat continuously'. It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a series of notes and rests. Below the staff, there is a line of text '(Hmmm)' with a horizontal line underneath it. Section B is marked with a box containing the letter 'B' and the instruction 'All:'. It begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a series of notes and rests. Below the staff, there is a line of text 'God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.' with a horizontal line underneath it.

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

[C]



PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may
live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this communion meal move us towards: a regenerative way of living with the planet; seeking peace with each other through welcome, mutual respect, and seeking common good; distributing power to support the poor, oppressed, and young; and seeking purpose and meaning through diverse spiritual communities. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Go Now"

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

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1. Filled with the Holy Spirit
go now with God, go now with God.
Into the world as a servant
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

2. Offering a hand to a stranger
go now with God, go now with God.
Trusting in the risen savior
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

SENDING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"The Day of Resurrection"
(reprised)

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tr. John Mason Neale M: German melody

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Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

Members

Steve Cobb
Patty Telleen
LouAnn DeLozier
Carol Arnold
Polly Sersen
Kent Garvin
Shirley Garvin
Howard Smith
Cooper Hopkins
Mary Ann Armstrong
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Mourning for Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan
Mourning for Greta, sister of Ronda Simmons
Jay Slaybaugh, uncle of Rod McKenrick
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marily Morrissey
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart
Valerie Dorr, mother of Deana Andrist
John Roland, father of Rebecca Roland
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Carlos Alers, friend of Sara & Peter Mullarkey
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sundays through June 8, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Sherry Albertson-Clark

Communion Prep: Sherry Albertson-Clark

Welcome Table Host:

Fellowship Host:

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Deacon Katie Kline & Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Jill Hunt	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (May 19)

11 am Sermon Discussion-Fireside

12 pm JOY Luncheon-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday (May 20)

6:30 pm Council-Room 2

Wednesday (May 21)

9 am TLC Preschool Party-Fellowship Hall

Volunteer @ Irish Elementary

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (May 22) Synod Assembly Begins

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2

6 pm Chapter 2 Trinity Readers-Fireside

7 pm Immigration Social Justice-Zoom

Friday (May 23)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (May 24)

5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (May 25)

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2

9 am Confirmation-Room 8

9 am Sunday School-Room 3

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

Coming Up:

Monday, May 26-Memorial Day

Offices Closed

Saturday, June 1 @ 3pm
Sky Ranch BBQ & Bluegrass

Sunday, June 8
Confirmation!

Vacation Bible School
June 9-12 from 9am-12pm

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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